

# Blue Mound Veterans View Summer, 2015 — July, August, September

## MVH-Luverne

### SERVING THOSE WHO SERVED

Greetings!

Summer has arrived and that means construction season for MVH-Luverne. Our home is currently in the midst of two large construction projects and just recently completed another one. We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation with us during these projects. If all the schedules hold true, all the work should be wrapped up by the end of August.



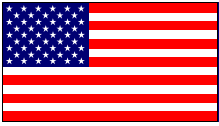
I am happy to report our ceiling lift project is complete! We have added an additional 6 ceiling lifts in our resident rooms. We now have the capability to use ceiling lifts for 36 resident beds. This will provide a safer environment for our residents and staff. The project involved many resident room moves and everyone worked together. The project was actually a month ahead of schedule.

The second project we are working on is the installation of our new nurse call system. This project involves a huge amount of cabling. If you have been here lately, you probably have seen a few guys on ladders in the ceiling tiles pulling cable. The new system is going to be more reliable and user friendly for our residents and staff. It will still have the locating capability for our residents. Residents are able to push their badge no matter where they are located in the home and receive the help they need. Not only does the system provide the freedom and comfort to our residents, but also the safety and security options as well. This project is scheduled to be completed by the end of August.

The final large project of the summer is our roof replacement. Most of the shingles are original to the building and others have been added along the way. I had never noticed before, but we actually have 5 different colors of shingles on the roof. This will be a very busy project and we know our residents will be interested as well. Resident safety is always our number one priority, but hopefully we will be able to stage a few viewing areas up outside so our residents can monitor the progress. As the project progresses, please watch for signs. Entrances may be closed temporarily or parking may be re-routed for short periods of time. As always, pending the weather, this project is scheduled to be completed by August as well.

It's an exciting time at MVH-Luverne. We are dedicated to serving our Veterans and their families. We want to continue to provide the best environment possible with highest quality of care. I encourage everyone to stop by and make a visit. Take advantage of the many sitting areas, fishing pond, cabin or other facilities! Have a great summer!

Luke Schryvers, Administrator



## Fun Day at Lake Benton!

Wednesday, June 10—Sponsored by the 2nd District AL & ALA of Minnesota



**Thank you!**  
**2nd District AL & ALA!**





## RESIDENT OF THE QUARTER

Robert “Bob” Morrison...by Pastor Tom



One of the greatest smiles in the world belongs to Bob Morrison who resides in room #132. Many a person, from young to old, can testify that this statement is true. Bob has a gentle smile that makes a person feel better after spending time with him. Without knowing it, Bob is singlehandedly bringing joy to all who cross his path.

His smile is that powerful.

Bob was born on October 22, 1938 in Montrose, South Dakota. His father, Lewis, drove a Pepsi truck and his mother, Jennie, was a homemaker. I suspect Bob secretly preferred Coke over Pepsi, as the Coca-Cola company's slogan says: "Have a Coke and a Smile!" Along with his 5 brothers and 3 sisters, Bob's family moved to Gann Valley, South Dakota, a small community nestled in the rolling plains of the central part of the state, where Bob attended school. Gann Valley was the perfect setting for Bob to discover his love of hunting and fishing, and served as the location where he would come to enjoy farming, gardening and watching the weather.

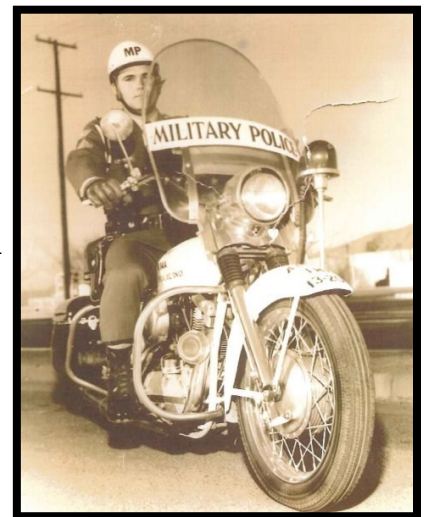
But Gann Valley couldn't contain a smile as bright as Bob's. He joined the United States Army where he served proudly and with distinction for 20 years. His devotion to our country took him to Vietnam, Germany and Korea where he served as a member of the military's MP (military police). While in the service, Bob was awarded the Bronze Star Medal which is awarded for either "heroic achievement, heroic service, meritorious achievement or meritorious service in a combat zone." That is the stuff from which heroes are made!

When his service to our country was completed, Bob worked for Litton Microwave, the Argus Leader, the School for the Deaf, and Wesley United Methodist

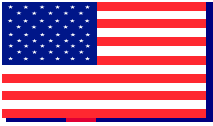
Church in Sioux Falls. Bob was married and later divorced in 1981. He and his wife had 4 daughters. On June 21, 1983, Bob was beaming once again as he married the love of his life, Betty VanDenHul, whom he met while working at Litton. You couldn't have matched two people more perfectly than Bob and Betty Morrison. Betty's smile is as big as Bob's and together they form an incredible smiling team! When Bob married Betty, the blessing included 2 step-daughters. Today the Morrison's are proud grandparents as well.

Bob and Betty do everything together these days. You can find them in the library reading the newspaper, winning lots of money at Bingo, attending a chapel service, enjoying a meal in the dining room or simply taking a stroll on the grounds of the Veterans Home. As you visit with them, you come to realize that their smiles don't come from having an easy life. They have faced many challenges and have done so with courage and bravery. But they face those challenges together...as a team. When times of difficulty come, Bob and Betty face them with a strong faith in God. There are lots of things in this life that tend to take our smiles away. The Morrison's look up to God...and get their smile back.

Bob's smile has come a long ways from Montrose, South Dakota in 1938. It's been around the world in times of war and times of peace. It has brightened the days and lightened the loads of countless people. We consider it a great blessing that God has brought it to reside among us in room #132.



We salute you as our Resident of the Quarter, Bob! We are proud of you and love you very much. Keep smiling!



## LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO....

Duane Mabon, Volunteer Services Coordinator

No matter how old you are or how wise you think you are, it's never too late to learn something new or be reminded of something you might already have been aware of.

Throughout the year, we as a nation celebrate all national and state holidays and special occasions by displaying our beloved United States of America flag. We do this for the love of country that has been lit and that keeps the fire glowing of patriotism. So, with that being said, as July 4th approaches and other holidays follow, the US flag will be flying. Now, I would like to share with you what the flag means.

A flag, an inanimate object made of stitched cloth, means as much as people will let it mean. Through two centuries of American heritage, our national flag has come to stand for people, the ideas, the government, and the national honor and glory of the United States.

Our flag has endured through many years of hardship and toil. It is known and respected throughout the world. It has come to be the beacon of democracy, freedom, liberty and justice; and it is to this banner that countless millions came from all over the world in their search for political and religious freedom.

Perhaps the modern American has come to take for granted the proud Stars and Stripes. Perhaps the notion that our flag means nothing more than apple pie and the 4th of July has been allowed to live too long. Let us not forget that this flag was born of blood and has been preserved by blood. This flag is the symbol of liberty and the cost of liberty is dear indeed.

Robert C. Winthrop, a former Massachusetts Senator, said "Our flag is our national ensign, pure and simple, behold it! Listen to it!" Fourteen words spoken by former Senator Winthrop with a simple message.

In closing, I hope I have enlightened you towards the meaning of our national flag, and as Oliver Wendell Holmes, a physician, college professor, and a poet once said..."one flag, one land, one heart, one hand, one nation evermore!" God bless our beloved United States of America.



Fun on a Sunday!



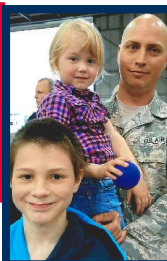
# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE



**Miranda Anderson**  
granddaughter of  
resident Bob Morrison



**Greg Arp**  
son of Recreation Aide  
Dawn Esselink



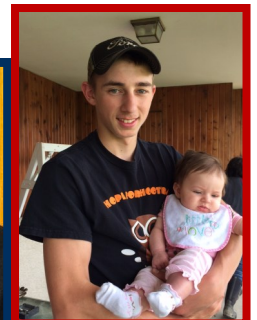
**Tom Beaner**  
son of LPN  
Becky Beaner



**Jamison Braun**  
nephew of Admin  
LaDonna Iveland



**Kayla Brinkhouse**  
granddaughter of  
resident Phyllis  
Siebenahler



**Colby Den Herder**  
son of HST  
Pam Brands



**Trevor Den Herder**  
son of HST  
Pam Brands



**Tyler Den Herder**  
son of HST  
Pam Brands



**Josh Eernisse**  
son of LPN  
Mary Eernisse



**Adam Garms**  
son of HST  
Jackie Garms



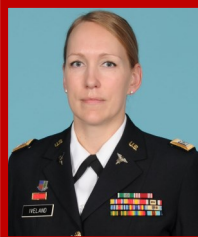
**Austin Green**  
son-in-law of  
resident Bob Weiland



**Bethany & David Guzman**  
daughter & son-in-law of  
HST Karen Rosenberg & niece of  
Mary Rust in Supply



**Peter Heinz & Josef Heinz**  
son-in-law and grandson  
of resident Joe Wolf



**Jennifer Iveland**  
niece of Admin  
LaDonna Iveland



**Shawn Kor**  
son-in-law of Admin  
LaDonna Iveland



**Collin Lais**  
grandson of resident  
Ralph Lais



**Stephanie Marvin**  
daughter of resident  
Tom Wiborg



**AJ Rieckman**  
grandson of resident  
Arnold Rieckman



**Ashley Riewe**  
daughter of RN  
Kerry Schmidt



**Nicholas Rittenhouse**  
son of HST  
Astrid Rittenhouse



**Justin Rust**  
son of  
GMW Pat Rust



**Nathan & Darlene Rust**  
son & daughter-in-law  
of GMW Pat Rust



**Justin Siebenahler**  
grandson of resident  
Phyllis Siebenahler



**Morgan Wolf**  
grandson of resident  
Joe Wolf



**Julius Wolf**  
grandson of resident  
Joe Wolf



**Riley Verbrugge**  
son of ADON  
Missy Verbrugge

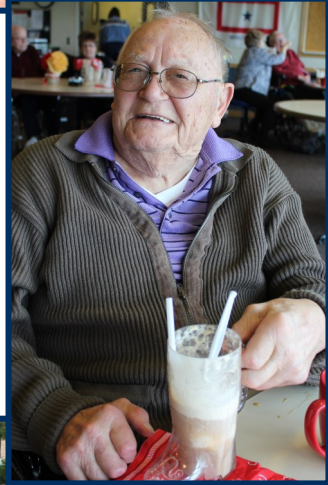


**We salute our men & women  
who are serving our country  
with pride & dignity!**

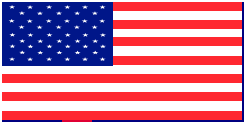


# Around the Grounds

We celebrated Nursing Home Week  
with a Western Flare!







# HOPE NOTES

A DOSE OF HOPE JUST  
FOR YOU!



By Pastor Tom

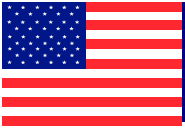
As we head into the summer months, we look forward to vacations, trips and other activities that will help us relax and catch our breath. I offer you a simple article that will hopefully encourage you NOT to take a break from your prayer life this summer. There are some activities that we can't afford to step away from, and prayer is at the top of the list. Happy praying!

## Five Fingered Prayers

1. *Your thumb:* Your thumb is nearest to you. Pray for those closest to you, your loved ones. They are the easiest to remember.
2. *Your pointing finger:* Pray for those who teach, instruct, and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, nurses, and of course your pastor or chaplain. They need support and wisdom in pointing in the right direction.
3. *Your tallest finger:* This finger reminds us of our leaders. Pray for our President, our Congress and all of our elected officials in business and industry. They shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.
4. *Your ring finger:* This is your weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for those who are weak, the aged, the unborn, those in trouble or danger, and those in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You can never pray too much for them.
5. *Your little finger:* This is the smallest finger of all and this is why we should put ourselves in relation to God and others. Your pinkie finger reminds you to pray for yourself after you have prayed for the other four groups. This will put your needs in proper perspective.



Daycare Visits on Fridays



# TAPS



Eddie Deutsch  
Rufus Garnmeister  
Lorain DePauw  
Howard Emery

★HAPPY★  
BIRTHDAY!

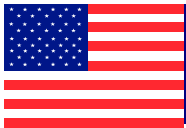
## July, August and September Birthdays!

July	August	September
2 Jennie Nieuwboer	6 Marcus Wignes	10 Brian Peterson & Milton Fritz
4 Ted Larson	9 Bud Bjerrum	12 Dan Sorby
6 Sylvester Lasnetske	16 Vonnie Metz	15 Charles Holm
23 Alfred Klaassen	17 Francis Kent	16 Tom Wiborg
26 Darlene McClure	20 Eldon Dykstra	19 Rodney Bennett
29 Carole Bernardy & Russell Bergstrom	21 Ed DeBates & Merlyn Olson	28 Phyllis Siebenahler & Cornie Veldhuisen
	23 Joe Wolf	29 Jim Spillum & Gene Egan
	25 Elmo Lien	30 Ralph Lais, Daryl Nazarenus & Gayle Beers
	29 Lee Oertli	
	30 Doug McClure & Dennis Nelson	

## 5th graders with their "Adopt-a-Grandparent" at the year end picnic







## SUMMER EVENTS!

### JULY

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Happy Independence Day!

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Marshall VFWA  
Annual Picnic

29-Aug 1

Rock County Fair

### AUGUST

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6th Annual Classic  
Car Show & Cook-Out

### SEPTEMBER

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Happy Labor Day!

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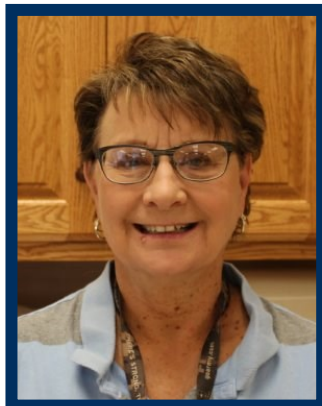
2nd District AL  
Fun Day at MVH

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Tri-State Band Festival

**BEST WISHES!!!**

David Lavoie &  
Milton Van Norman



**Congratulations to Diane Strassburg!** Diane received 2 certificates from the Department of Veterans Affairs in Sioux Falls, SD for 2,385 hours and 9 years of volunteer services to veterans through her dedicated participation in the Volunteer Service Program. Diane also received recognition as a member of the 500 Hours and Above Club through the Sioux Falls VA Health Care System for donating 517 hours of volunteer time.

## WELCOME!!!

NAME	HOMETOWN	SERVICE
Earl Glaser	Luverne	Army/WWII
Rolly Christians	Sioux Falls	Army/Korean
Rhoda McNab	Adrian	Spouse/Army/Korean
Darlene McClure	Luverne	Spouse/Army/Korean
Leo Baumgard	Lakefield	Navy/WWII



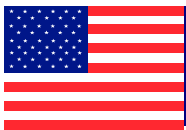
Our dedicated HONOR GUARD at our Memorial Day Service—THANK YOU!

## SUPPORT GROUP

If you would like an opportunity to share your feelings and concerns and receive support from others who have loved ones in our Veterans Home, please come to our Support Group.

We will be meeting the 3rd Thursday of every other month at 1:00 P.M. in Room 113.  
The next meeting will be August 20. We hope to see you there!





**Minnesota Veterans Home  
Luverne**

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**(507) 283-6200**

**MEMORIAL WALKWAY**

**Orders are being accepted for brick pavers that are installed in the “MEMORIAL WALKWAY” located on the grounds by the gazebo.**

**This offer is open to all honorably discharged veterans (living or deceased), those currently serving our country, the families thereof and veterans service organizations.**

**Your gift of \$100.00 will secure a place in the pathway with an inscribed brick bearing the name of the person(s) or organization you wish to remember or honor.**

**For more information, contact Duane Mabon at 507-283-6237.**



**Our recreation department is on-line & can help residents  
receive & send e-mail.**

**This is a great way to keep in touch with family & friends!**

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